

Cultural Council Minutes

March 16, 2011

Present: Kathy Feek, GG Getz, Melissa Nelson, Marianne Francis, Trent Latta, Gaeda Zeider, Rebecca Devere, Bhaj Townsend, Cathy Heffron, Nora Carlson, Amy Whittenburg, Sheila Mickool, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff), Julie Huffman (staff).

Absent: Jeff Parks, Leah Kliger, Erik Gordon

Guests: Theater Simple, King County Library System, Parkplace Books

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Andrew Litzky and Llysa Holland present from Theater Simple present and discussed their site specific work with 4Culture. They would like to bring Wonderland to a Kirkland park. Have experiences for people who attend but also for passersby. With very little advertising, over 500 people attended the Ballard Locks show over the weekend but many others witnessed it. Plan months in advance to show off the topography of each park. Link also on 4Culture for more information. Need natural resources of the park, volunteers, and financial support. They drew people from Snoqualmie for rehearsals. Art, literary, performance, and a science layer to this. Hoping for mid July-Aug over a 2-day weekend.

Deborah and Sheryn here from King County Library System and the Book Publishers Network. They are interested in proposing a NW Bookfest co-sponsored by several entities in late September/early October. KPC, Teen Center, Peter Kirk Community Center, and Library with 150 vendors—publishers, authors, music, art on the outdoor grassy area. They need City contact to coordinate outdoor spaces and buildings. Ellen offered City assistance with putting together a meeting to try to gather the people in charge of those spaces to see what it would take to put on this event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Cultural Council approved minutes of February 2, 2011. Names discussed were finalists. Meeting called to order at 4:30. Committee meeting, not subcommittee. Motion to approve and motion carried. February 16 minutes were reviewed, motion to approve and seconded, motion carried.

STAFF REPORT

New members introduced themselves to the Council. Melissa Nelson's term is up, so Council reviewed her application to determine whether to reappoint her in her position. Council made a motion to reappoint Melissa to her position, and motion carried.

Budget Requests

CACHET requesting \$1200

Public Art should not need funds

Artilization \$1100 for Artwalks immediately for a banner to advertise the artwalk, \$5000 total ongoing costs for sandwich boards, brochures possibly, balloons, and other things.

Requests to the Cultural Council have come in from SIFF, KAST (and Locavore), Theater Simple for funds to support their events. Council discussed the asks that they have received and they would love to support the

community groups that are requesting funds, but are just not in a position at this point to offer funds. The council would prefer to seed a new event over those that are more established if they have an option.

Motion made to provide \$250 for hostess costs for the fundraising events and \$1100 for a banner for artilization. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Private Art Committee

Cathy reported that the signal box on Kirkland Ave and Lake St was painted and tiled and they think it's a great improvement. GG and Kathy are working on Parkplace art, Ellen is staying on top of Totem Lake. The Council was also involved in the Transit Center art, which is now completed. Kathy and Cathy approached the artist about their concerns and the granite is beveled on the edges to be safe. It turned out differently than they remembered it.

FUNdevelopment

GG presented the history of the fundraising events, and she will send out the new schedule. The events will be private events. Funds will be collected by EventBrite and the check will be made out to the City of Kirkland.

CACHET

Cachet debrief to be held after the meeting. All feedback about the event was positive.

Artilization

They are planning for the April artwalk. Hoping to involve restaurants, have most galleries involved, and have a wonderful website created by the owner of Christopher of Blaubak.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.